(b) No, Sir. The Council had developed this land as a model herb garden. 196 species of medicinal plants including large scale cultivation of Gulnar Farsi (Punica granatum), Atrilal (Ammi majus), Babchi(Psoralea corylifolia), Khulanjan (Alpinia galanga), Amla(Phyllanthus emblica) etc. were grown. These medicinal plants were used for Council's requirement of Crude Drugs for manufacturing of research drugs. The programme was continuing till the LDA requisitioned this land for some other use. Allotment of alternate land has been taken up with the authorities.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Research programmes of CCRUM are constantly reviewed at different levels. A review Committee has already been set up under the Chairmanship of an eminent scientist to assess the functioning of CCRUM.

Chemicals in the cold drinks

†651. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether various chemicals and other compounds are used in pepsi cola, coca cola and other such cold drinks;

(b) if so, the names of those chemicals and the quantity thereof;

(c) whether substances which are dangerous to health are used in these cold drinks;

(d) whether all chemicals and compounds used in these cold drinks have been tested; and

(e) whether it would be made mandatory for all cold drink manufacturers to mention on each container the name and quantity of the chemicals and compounds used in it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) The standards of Carbonated Water have been prescribed *vide* Appendix B item A. 01.01 in PFA Rules, 1955. Carbonated water conforming to the standards for carbonated water as laid down under PFA Rules, 1955 may be considered safe.

(e) Food articles are required to be labeled as per the provisions of PFA Act/Rules. A comprehensive notification GSR No. 664(E) on nutritional labeling has been published by the Government on 19.9.2008 which will become effective from the 19th of March, 2009.

Inadequacy of doctors

652. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a report has been submitted by the member, Planning Commission regarding scarcity of doctors in the country specially in rural areas;

(b) if so, why can't unskilled doctors (RMPs) be utilized after basic training on similar concept as Barefoot Doctors in China; and

(c) whether Government would constitute a Committee to assess and submit report on utilizing the services of unskilled doctors for basic medical treatment and national health programmes after giving requisite training?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.